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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Giulio Alessandri et al. : Art Unit: 1651

Serial No.: 10/510,622 : Examiner: L.E. Barnhart

Filed: October 8, 2004

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF

STEM CELLS FROM HUMAN
MUSCLE TISSUE AND ADIPOSE
TISSUE, AND STEM CELLS
OBTAINABLE BY THIS PROCESS

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the October 12, 2007 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request and fee for a one-month extension of time is enclosed.

## REMARKS

In the Action, the claims are restricted to Group I, including claims 1-5 and 7-9 directed to the method, Group II, including claims 6 and 10-12 directed to human muscle and adipose tissue stem cells, and Group III, including claims 13-14 directed to use of the stem cells from Group II. In response, Applicants elect the Group I claims including claims 1-5 and 7-9 directed to the method. Furthermore, Applicant elects species (a) directed to the human adipose tissues, including claims 1-3 and 7-9 of the Group I claims.

Favorable examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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